

House Resolution No. 4566

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Smith, residents of Joplin, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, Richard and Barbara Smith will commemorate the joyous occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration to be hosted by their loved ones on December 4, 2004, at Club 1201; and

Whereas, as they proudly mark this splendid milestone in their life, Richard and Barbara Smith will undoubtedly look back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

Whereas, it was six wondrous decades ago that Richard E. Smith and Barbara Jeanne Johnson joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony officiated by Chaplain Warren Powell on December 2, 1944, in a chapel at Fort Robinson in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

Whereas, over the course of the past sixty years, Richard and Barbara Smith have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include four children and their spouses, Richard and Debbie Smith, Steven and Christine Smith, Karen and Rodney Longenecker, and David and Jill Smith of Joplin; twelve grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Richard, founder of R.E. Smith Construction Company, and Barbara Smith have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose six decades of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Richard and Barbara Smith upon the joyous occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing them continued happiness in the years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Smith, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronald F. Richard
District No. 129

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4566, adopted December 1, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker